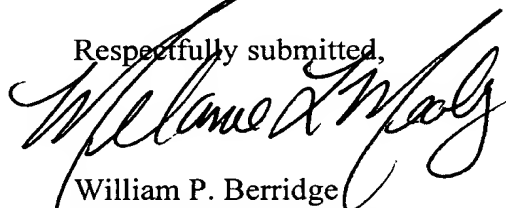


corresponds to the nucleotide sequence identified in SEQ ID NO:1. One of ordinary skill in the art would have recognized from these disclosures that a segment of amino acids was missing from SEQ ID NO:2 underneath identification numbers 321-340 and would have readily been able to determine the omitted amino acid segment by translating from the corresponding codons in SEQ ID NO:1. Thus, no new matter is added.

Early and favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested.

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